

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19, as follows:

The coupling agent is generally chosen from silanes, such as α - γ -glycidoxypolytrimethoxysilane, α - γ -acryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane, α - γ -methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane, poly(oxyethylene/oxypropylene)trimethoxysilane, α - γ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane, vinyltrimethoxysilane, phenylaminopropyltrimethoxysilane, styrylaminooethylaminopropyl-trimethoxysilane or *tert*-butylcarbamoylpropyltrimethoxy-silane, siloxanes, titanates, zirconates and mixtures of these compounds. Preferably, silanes are chosen.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 2, as follows:

The procedure was as in example 1, the sizing composition comprising (in percent by weight):

• linoleic acid	20
• hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene ⁽⁵⁾ (molecular mass: 1220)	18
• 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol monoisobutyrate ⁽⁸⁾	17
• ethoxylated (4 EO) lauric alcohol ⁽²⁾	15
• mixture of methyl esters of adipic, succinic and glutaric acids ⁽⁶⁾	25
• ϕ γ -methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane ⁽⁹⁾	7
• ϕ γ -glycidoxypolytrimethoxysilane ⁽¹⁰⁾	3